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TO USLO PEKING IMMEDIATE
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EXDIS; PEKING ALSO PASS HOLBROOKE AND GLEYSTEN

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIANS IN PRC REQUESTING ASYLUM

REF: PEKING 1465

1. PLIGHT DESCRIBED BY ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS IN PEKING IS
ONLY ONE OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SIMILAR CASES INVOLVING
ETHIOPIANS THAT HAVE ARISEN ELSEWHERE SINCE CHANGE OF
REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA. ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
SUCH INDIVIDUALS MUST COME FROM INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER
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ORGANIZATIONS WHO CAN PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND OTHER AID IN
RELOCATION EFFORTS.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THE
STUDENTS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO SEEK ENTRY INTO HONG KONG.
REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS (PARTICULARLY ICEM) IN HONG KONG
SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE NORMAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND THE

ETHIOPIANS WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR SEVENTH PREFERENCE
CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO THE US THROUGH THE INS IN HONG KONG.

3. PRIOR TO ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE ETHIOPIANS SUGGESTING
THAT THEY ATTEMPT TO GO TO HONG KONG, USLO SHOULD DISCUSS
CASE WITH BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN PEKING AND SEEK
THEIR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE. IN SUCH DISCUSSION, USLO
COULD INDICATE TO BRITISH THAT ETHIOPIANS WOULD BE
ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR SEVENTH PREFERENCE CONDITIONAL
ENTRY INTO THE US BUT SHOULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT THAT
APPLICATION WOULD BE APPROVED.

4. DEPENDENT ON BRITISH EMBASSY POSITION, USLO OR UK
EMBASSY COULD THEN ADVISE STUDENTS TO APPLY AT BRITISH
EMBASSY FOR PERMISSION TO ENTER HONG KONG. IT IS FAR
PREFERABLE FOR FURTHER USLO CONTACTS WITH STUDENTS TO BE
INITIATED BY STUDENTS THEMSELVES. USLO (OR BRITISH
EMBASSY) COULD INFORM THE STUDENTS OF PROCEDURES FOR
APPLYING FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO THE US IN HONG KONG,
BUT WITHOUT IN ANY WAY GUARANTEEING THE POTENTIAL AP-
PLICANTS THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS WOULD BE APPROVED.

5. AS USLO AWARE, US POLICY IS NOT TO GRANT DIPLOMATIC
ASYLUM AND WE CANNOT GIVE ASYLUM TO ANYONE NOT WITHIN US
TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. IN GENERAL, WE CONSIDER ASYLUM
THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE
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REQUEST IS MADE AND OUR RESPONSE TO ASYLUM REQUESTS FROM
REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES NORMALLY IS TO REFER THE
PERSONS TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES.
THIS PROCEDURE WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN PEKING.

6. REQUEST THAT USLO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF
DEVELOPMENTS BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE MESSAGES.

7. FOR THE WHITE HOUSE: PLEASE PASS THIS CABLE TO

THE BRZEZINSKI AIRCRAFT, SLUGGED FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HOLBROOKE AND GLEYSTEN. VANCE

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